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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany TOWN Cumberland VICINITY North-end STREET NO. WILL'S MOUNTAIN		2. NAME WILL'S MOUNTAIN INN DATE OR PERIOD 1889 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
ORIGINAL OWNER J. Henry Holzshu ORIGINAL USE Elk Club House PRESENT OWNER Gone PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC 1750 feet above sea level; 300 feet above Cumberland Wide porches around three sides. Views of three States, Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. LOVER'S LEAP was within a few feet where a "gazebo" was constructed so that the visitor could enjoy the scenery. From here could be seen a section of Colonial Maryland which had been occupied by the Indians; the site of Fort Cumberland; the hills where thousands of troops were encamped during the Civil War. You could look down upon the NATIONAL ROAD in the NARROWS--the GATEWAY TO THE WEST, the road over which the great Conestoga covered wagons, travelled west while thousands of cattle, horses and hogs on hoof passed to the east. Beauty, comfort and refinement mark every portion of the building. Neat and Sanitary. 46 bedrooms with private bath and shower. Large ball-room, one of the finest in the State opening onto the 3 wide porches. An elegant room with old fashioned brick tile fire-place and gilded inlaid ceiling. A wide hallway leads from this room to the dining room. Pretty and comfortable, cozy corners here and there; a well appointed sun parlor. A handsome billiard room with heavy deep gilt moulding around the ceiling; a social room with an air of soothing home-like ease and comfort. Directions: Take Franklin street to Shawnee Avenue to Piedmont Avenue--turn left to road leading to hotel. ...from Will's Mt. Inn-Booklet.			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Will's Mt. Inn Booklet (rare) HISTORY HOUSE FILE		7. PHOTOGRAPH 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Hazel Groves Hansrote, Chairman MHT and Sec. Preservation Society Allegany County Sept. 3, 1970 DATE OF RECORD	